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Sumpter trustees OK 'critical response' insurance

While Sumpter Township officials stood for a moment of silence in respect for the victims of the shooting in Uvalde, Texas May 25, they wasted no time in responding to the psychological effect such a critical event might have on first responders in their community.

The trustees approved an added insurance policy for both Sumpter Township first responders, and other employees, who might be involved in a critical incident, whether an outside event or a personal crisis.

Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick spoke to the trustees during a study session preceding the regular May 25 meeting about the need for an added employee assistance policy.

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"Our current policy requires that the employee be on long-term disability before offering this coverage," he said. The policy approved by the board members will include coverage for all 71 township employees along with first responders.

Burdick said he was suggesting the stand-alone policy which provides extra benefits particularly in the wake of any critical incident response.

The benefits include counseling, support services, advice, financial counseling and legal references. Burdick said the 11-pages of benefits offered by the policy include immediate counseling or support, critical for first responders. "Our world isn't getting any less complicated," he said.

Burdick explained two levels of the plan. A policy which would include only the 47 first responders would be an expense of $32 per person, per year for a total annual premium of about $1,500, he said. The policy approved by the trustees will cover all 72 township employees at an annual total cost of just under $2,300.

Burdick stressed that the coverage would include every employee who is currently receiving wages from the township. He commented that he felt this plan was superior to an in-house counseling service because of the confidentiality it offers those who may use the professional services. He said often employees are hesitant to use counseling that may become public knowledge.

He explained that should an employee exceed the amount of coverage offered, or the number

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Canton Liberty Festival returns

After a two-year COVID hiatus, Canton Liberty Fest will celebrate the 29th anniversary of the event with a special three-day family event June 16 through 18.

While the nearly three-decade community tradition will include events that have become standard attractions, including the lineup of carnival rides, games, and special attractions, this year the event will offer some changes, organizers said. The most significant change is the day of the fireworks display which has been moved to Friday, June 17 just after dark. The fireworks display previously closed the festival on Saturday, but organizers said the Friday night schedule allowed them to move the display to Saturday in case of inclement weather. This year, too, the event will feature sensory hours from 1 until 3 p.m. on

Thursday, June 16 when lights and music from the carnival rides and midway games will be turned for festival visitors who may be sensitive to large crowds and certain stimuli.

Hours for the festival are 1 until 10 p.m. on Thursday, June 16; 1 until 11 p.m. on Friday, June 17 and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Saturday, June 18. Major sponsors of the event this year include: BJ's Grocery, Community Financial, and The Village Dentist. Additional sponsors include: Brackney Chiropractic Health Center, Dermatology Specialist of Canton/Hamzavi Dermatology, The Goddard School of Canton, Star International Academy, U.S. Army and Weatherguard Windows.

No dogs are allowed on festival grounds and all bikes must be parked in a bike corral. In addition, a convenient Uber, Lyft, or parent drop-off/pick-off spot has been designated on Civic Center Boulevard in front of the Canton Public Library main parking lot. For more information, visit www.cantonlibertyfest.com or call (734) 394-5360.

Heritage Park is located next to the Canton Township Administration Building at 1150 South Canton Center Road.

Northville Psychiatric Hospital buildings to be razed

Northville Township is another step closer to making Legacy Park a reality. Within the next few weeks, crews will begin the demolition of all remaining buildings at the former state psychiatric hospital.

"We started the project to transform the former psychiatric hospital property several years ago, and with the demolition of the buildings starting this summer, the dream of Legacy Park truly comes into focus," said Supervisor Mark J. Abbo. "Our residents have been patient, but the time for action is now."

Members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees voted May 12 to award the demolition contract to Asbestos Abatement Inc. of Lansing to remove the 11 remaining buildings. The demolition contract is not to exceed $8,946,420, which is significantly less than township officials had projected.

"The removal of hazardous materials is very complex and can be cost prohibitive," said Treasurer Jason Rhines, who owned a small business for 25 years specializing in construction and environmental remediation. "In order to properly plan for this project, we anticipated the cost to remove the buildings, including asbestos, could be as high as $18 million. But the Legacy Park Committee, township staff and our consultants worked very hard over the past year and a half, and we believe that played a significant role in the bids coming in as low as they did."

Northville Township Director of Public Services Bob Belair will oversee the project. As required by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), the project will be closely monitored by a team of industrial hygiene professionals who will take samples, provide air filtration and implement all other necessary control measures to ensure that the air quality meets or exceeds the established government guidelines at all times during the project.

"The funding for the demolition and subsequent inspections come from the $12 million bond sale Northville Township completed in late 2021 before interest rates rose," continued Abbo. "The township will repay the bonds with revenue collected by a Brownfield Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district created earlier. No money from the township's general fund will be used."

"We recognize residents want these buildings down and our role is to do so in a way that is fiscally responsible and that's what we have done," concluded Rhines.

Northville Township acquired the 332-acre Legacy Park property in 2009 after a millage election. It included 20 buildings, a water tower, a power plant and other infrastructure. The first buildings were demolished in 2012. The signature nine-story, 252,174-square-foot psychiatric hospital was demolished in 2018.

Photo credit: Gabby Iriarte

Westland

On the market

Student-built home now for sale

The City of Westland and the Wayne Westland Community Schools District are celebrating the 10th anniversary of their joint initiative, the Building Trades partnership. Originally launched in 2010, the Building Trades program allows for the removal of vacant, blighted properties and transforms them into new homes.

Under this partnership, Westland provides the building materials, with funds from the HOME Partnership Program and the Wayne Westland Community Schools District (WWCSD) provides labor through the William D. Ford Career Technical Center Construction Technology Program.

In 2019, the city and school district marked 10th anniversary celebration with the wall raising of a house on Schuman Street. Despite challenges due to COVID, students in the Construction Technology Program were able to complete the house during the 2020-21 school year and it sold to a first-time homebuyer.

Now, under the partnership, a home located at 1612 Beatrice St. is the latest site for renovation. The house will be sold to a first-time homebuyer with an asking price of more than $200,000.

> *We look forward to continuing the partnership and growing the All American City.*

The Building Trades Program allows for the economic stimulation by creating new homeowners and adding to the tax base, officials said. For students, it provides the opportunity to learn a skilled trade. Since its approval in 2010, the partnership has resulted in the new construction of 11 houses in Westland.

"The partnership between the City of Westland and Wayne Westland Community Schools has been a longstanding and beneficial collaboration serving both the students and the community. We look forward to continuing the partnership and growing the All American City," said Mayor William R. Wild.

"This partnership is an amazing opportunity for the students in the Construction Technology Program to not only learn a skilled trade that can evolve into a lifelong career, but also positively impact their community in a way that will give families lasting memories. I am proud of the students and our commitment to building a better community," said Superintendent of Wayne Westland Schools John Dignan.

The partnership received the Excellence in Practice award from the Michigan State Board of Education.

Students proudly show off their completed home renovation as part of the Building Trades partnership between the City of Westland and the Wayne Westland Community Schools district.ome on Beatrice Street is the latest project in the award-winning joint effort of the City of Westland and the Wayne Westland Community Schools Building Trades initiative.

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Acts of Kindness by students rewarded at council meeting

Members of the Westland City Council along with the Compassionate City Committee and Wayne-Westland Community Schools administrators acknowledged the recipients of the April Random Acts of Kindness awards. The program recognizes four of the many students nominated from the 17 schools in the district who have demonstrated random acts of kindness.

The four winners were Tessa Przybyla of Schweitzer Elementary, Kadence Lindsey of Taft-Galloway Elementary, Yuritzi Antonio-Olmos of Walker-Winter Elementary, and Chloe Falis of Stottlemyer Early Childhood and Family Development Center.

Tessa Przybyla was nominated by her teacher for being caught spreading kindness by being a leader every day in class, helping others, and being a friend to everyone and leading by example with her friendly and helpful personality.

Kadence Lindsey was nominated for cleaning up the classroom when all her peers went outside for recess. She is a very polite and sweet young girl and is very helpful and is always capable of making others smile, according to her nomination.

Yuritzi Antonio-Olmos was nominated by her teacher for helping two classmates with their work. She is a polite and helpful student that loves to encourage her peers to do well and is often one of the first students to volunteer to help her classroom and Walker as a whole, her teacher said.

Chloe Falis has "done a fantastic job at being the class leader." According to her nomination, she is always willing to help a classmate who is having a difficult day and is inclusive with all of her peers. She meets all the staff members with a big smile and excitement to learn every single day, her nominator said, and "this year, her kind, sensitive, compassionate and joyous personality have blossomed and bloomed."

Each of the student received a $20 gift certificate from a local merchant along with the official recognition by city and school officials.

Juneteenth is marked at library

The William Faust Public Library of Westland will host a Junteenth celebration from 3 until 3 p.m. June 4.

Drs. Micala Evans and Imelda Hunt of the Eastern Michigan University Department of Africology and African American Studies will share the reason for the recognition of Juneteenth as a federal holiday, and the importance for people of every background to celebrate Juneteenth.

This artistic and historical presentation will include an introduction to Juneteenth, and provide a description of the shackles and obstacles that bonded people as property and upheld a system of racism and negative stereotypes. Register at: https://westlandlibrary.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=16656&backTo=Calendar&startDate=2022/06/01.

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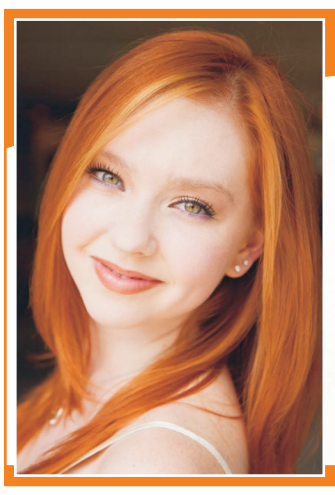

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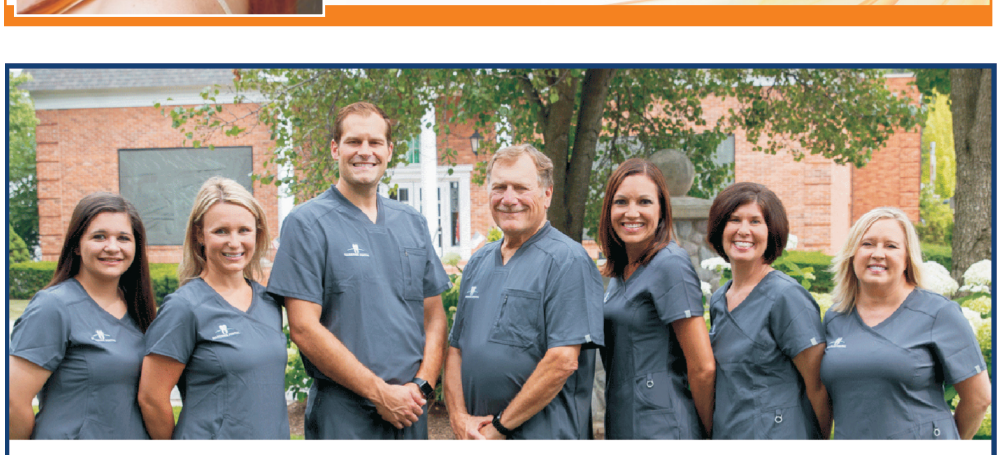

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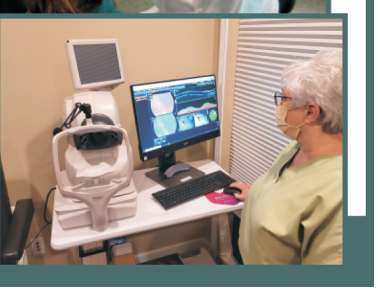

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Romulus honored for entrepreneurial climate

The City of Romulus has again been recognized for its dedication to entrepreneurial growth and economic development by the annual eCities study, conducted by researchers at University of Michigan-Dearborn Center for Innovation Research. This marks the fourth consecutive year that Romulus has received the highest five-star rating.

"The City of Romulus continues to be a prime location for entrepreneurs and developers around the country to start and grow their businesses," said Romulus Mayor Robert McCraight. "Receiving five stars in the eCities report for a fourth consecutive year further emphasizes our commitment to growing our local economy and investing resources in our residents-whether they are looking to start a business or find a good-paying job in the community. We look forward to another prosperous year."

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In 2021, the City of Romulus welcomed 68 new businesses, which brought more than 1,633 local jobs. Additionally, 22 new projects were submitted for approvals with 5,296 jobs. The most notable developments include: Ecorse Commons Industrial Park, which brought in 1,973 new jobs and is estimated to have an economic development impact of more than $440,000 in annual tax revenue and $15 million in payroll revenue; Ford Ion Park, a state-of-the-art collaborative learning laboratory that is part of a $185 million investment and will feature 200 engineers, researchers and purchasing and finance leaders; The Romulus Trade Center, a 171-acre multi-million-dollar development that will create more than 1,000 jobs and bring in $56 million in property taxes and the Kroger Fulfillment Center, a 135,000-square-foot high-tech automated center that is expected to open in March/April 2022 and will create 250 new jobs.

Romulus is also part of the Detroit Regional Aerotropolis Development Corporation-a four-community, public-private economic development partnership with the Wayne County Airport Authority. Aerotropolis is designated as a Next Michigan Development Corporation, meaning it is authorized to provide special economic development incentives, which in turn drive investment and boosts the Romulus economy, officials said.

The eCities study analyzed publicly available data from 277 communities from 54 counties in Michigan. Researchers focused on the five-year changes in property values, community assets, and tax rates, which can demonstrate the growth, investments, and cost of doing business within the community. For example, over the five-year period of 2016-2020, these communities increased their capital assets by an average of 2.9 percent per year with investments such as park facilities, water and sewer infrastructure projects, and emergency vehicles, while property tax rates increased by less than 3 percent on average per year, officials said.

Sale of township owned property is again delayed

The long-discussed process of selling land owned by Sumpter Township was delayed by another two weeks during the regular meeting of the board of trustees April 25.

During the study session preceding the meeting, Supervisor Tim Bowman suggested the township move forward with sending the various properties to auction following a review of the various sites by Trustee Matt Oddy, Deputy Supervisor/Trustee Tim Rush and himself. The review was an effort, Rush said, to ensure that the properties being sold were as close to compliant with township building regulations as possible. To accomplish that, the legal descriptions of some properties were altered, and some properties conjoined to ensure building was possible at the site, he added.

Trustee Don LaPorte, however, questioned the decision to send the properties to auction rather than consult a Realtor. He asked what the reserve asking bid would be on the sites at the auction.

"Do we know what the properties are worth," he asked. "We always do this dance, should we sell them are we going to sell them. I'm not an attorney or a developer, I don't know how to value the properties."

Supervisor Tim Bowman explained that the township would place a minimum reserve bid on each of the properties to ensure the best price for the land. He said the value of the properties could be determined by looking up the value and assessments of "comps" or nearby properties in the area.

Bowman said he wanted to get as much for the property as possible to put the funds back into the township and "rebuild the fairgrounds."

LaPorte and Trustee Peggy Morgan each suggested that the township should have the property evaluated by a professional Realtor in the area. Morgan told the board members that a local Realtor had given her a tentative estimate on one of the sites that was much higher than the recent evaluation.

Bowman said he favored the auction as it would be more expedient in selling the properties and a more efficient manner of disposing of the various sites.

> *The board members voted to delay sending the properties to the auctioneer for two weeks pending more information.*

LaPorte, however, suggested the board delay the issue for another two weeks until the actual contract with the auctioneer could be negotiated by township attorney Rob Young and the value of the properties investigated to determine the amount of the reserve bid.

During the public comment period of the regular meeting agenda, township resident Cory Blue, who owns property adjacent to one of the sites proposed for sale, adamantly opposed the actions of the board members.

He demanded to know how the value of the properties was being set, "Are you just picking them out of a hat now?" he demanded. He and Bowman entered into a spirited and contentious exchange regarding the viability of one of the lots. Blue insisted the land next to his, which is zoned commercial, was in a residential area and was landlocked. Bowman disputed that contention and said there was an available easement to the site. Blue continued to claim the land was in a residential area and had no access other than through his property which, he said, he would never allow.

The two also argued about the location of a pipeline on the property with Blue claiming that would limit any construction at the site and Bowman insisting that construction on the property was possible.

"Are you offering to sell the property to adjacent property owners?Where's the transparency? This is not the right thing to do," Blue, who has appeared to criticize the proposed sale process and zoning of the property at previous meetings, said.

As the exchange grew more heated, Bowman suggested that Blue be removed from the meeting, although that did not happen. Following Bowman's call for order ending the exchange, the meeting proceeded.

The board members voted to delay sending the properties to the auctioneer for two weeks pending more information regarding the reserve bids.

The vote was unanimous with Trustee Matt Oddy excused from the meeting.

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Insurance

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of professional counseling sessions offered, they could then be subject to an out-of-pocket expense.

Trustee Don LaPorte was not in favor of that restriction and ask Burdick if there was another level of coverage that would provide more services to first responders and employees.

"Without a doubt this is a good start. If we were to have an event, I don't think five sessions is going to cover it. The employees should not have to pay," LaPorte said. "I would like to see if we could move up a plan and not tarnish what we've already paid for.

"First responders see things day-to-day that the public will never see," he added.

Board members unanimously approved the insurance expense and the pursuit of a more inclusive policy. Trustee Matt Oddy was excused from the meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-003
CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.255

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 4, MULTIPLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, SECTION 4.01, STATEMENT OF PURPOSE; ARTICLE 6, CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT, SECTION 6.03, REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC USES; OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

The following Section(s) are amended:

Section 4.01 Statement of Purpose
Section 6.03 Requirements Applicable to Specific Uses

ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Romulus this 9th day of May 2022.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Ordinance as passed by the City Council of the City of Romulus at a regular Council Meeting held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers on the 9th day of May, 2022.

I further certify that the foregoing was published in the Associated Newspapers, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Romulus, on the 2nd day of June, 2022.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-004
CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.256

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 11, USE STANDARDS, SECTION 11.01, RESIDENTIAL OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

The following Section(s) are amended:

Section 11.01 Residential

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ORDINANCE NO. 2022-005
CITY OF ROMULUS
APPENDIX A - ZONING
AMENDMENT 1.257

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE 24, DEFINITIONS, SECTION 24.05; DEFINITIONS "D", SECTION 24.14, DEFINITIONS "M"; SECTION 24.17a DEFINITIONS "Q"; SECTION 24.19, DEFINITIONS "S"; SECTION 24.20, DEFINITIONS "T"; OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF ROMULUS

THE CITY OF ROMULUS ORDAINS:

The following Section(s) are amended:

Section 24.05 Definitions "D"
Section 24.14 Definitions "M"
Section 24.17a Definition "Q"
Section 24.19 Definitions "S"
Section 24.20 Definitions "T"

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Canton

Canton River Day celebration is set for Saturday

River Day in Canton Township will take place from 9 a.m. until noon this Saturday, June 4 at the Lower Rouge River Trailhead.

The annual celebration will be combined this year with National Trails Day and will be sponsored by the township municipal services and leisure services departments. Officials said the trailhead event, located off Morton Taylor Road and Michigan Avenue, "will take place rain or shine."

The free event includes scheduled activities for all ages, including birdhouse building, log jam openings, and self-guided hiking along the Rouge River. Educational exhibits will also be on display provided by local environmental and conservation organizations. In addition, informational resources will also be available on the 'Leave No Trace' outdoor principles, trail biking, recycling, and more. Local vendors will also set up booths for participants to browse. Light refreshments will also be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional trails within the Canton trail system include: Fellows Creek Wetland Nature Trail at Flodin Park, which runs one-third of a mile in length; the Canton ITC Corridor Trail, with a trailhead located at Flodin Park; and the Lower Rouge Trail, which interconnects Heritage Park with the Michigan Department of Transportation's I-275 Metro Trail, a regional trail system offering approximately 6 miles of non-motorized pathways in Canton. These trails in Canton offer nearly 15 miles of non-motorized pathways, open year-round, officials noted.

American Hiking Society National Trails Day® is a nationally recognized trail awareness program that occurs annually on the first Saturday of June and inspires the public to discover, learn about, and celebrate trails while participating in outdoor activities, clinics, and trail stewardship projects. National Trails Day® is a registered trademark of the American Hiking Society.

For additional trail information about this free family and pet-friendly event, visit www.cantonfun.org, http://bit.ly/canton NTD22, or call (734) 394-5460. For up-to-date information on this event, including cancellation notices, visit www.facebook.com/CantonMSD.

Township honored by state for environmental leadership

Canton Township was recently recognized by the statewide Michigan Green Communities program for environmental leadership. As part of the 2021 Michigan Green Communities (MGC) Challenge, 44 participating local governments were awarded gold, silver, or bronze seals of achievement reflecting community leadership in areas such as energy efficiency, climate adaptation and resilience, recycling, environmental justice, and more. Ten communities received bronze certification, 12 received silver certification, and 22 received gold certification.

Canton achieved gold status for exemplary action in multiple categories, including: planning, economic development, land use, climate resilience, climate adaptation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, materials management (AKA recycling, composting, waste diversion), water conservation and protection, clean mobility, and community engagement.

"We are thrilled and proud to be awarded a Gold Certified Michigan Green Community, in Canton," said Canton Township Supervisor Anne Marie Graham-Hudak. "We continue to collaborate and target actions to become a more sustainable community through our board goals and the hard work of our employees. Some of those initiatives are well under way such as expanded parks, trails, sidewalk continuity, hybrid fleet vehicles, and efficient infrastructure. Our diversity, equity and inclusivity initiative with our employees and Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion also contributed to make us a shining example of a Gold Standard community."

> *We are thrilled and proud to be awarded a Gold Certified Michigan Green Community, in Canton.*

The Michigan Green Communities (MGC) program is open to all local governments in Michigan, at no cost. MGC is a sustainability networking, benchmarking, and technical assistance program. It guides and supports communities in adapting to a changing climate, protecting infrastructure, improving the quality of life for residents, and creating a more environmentally and economically sustainable future for the state of Michigan.

Michigan Green Communities is supported by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy; the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services; the Michigan Economic Development Corporation; the Michigan Association of Counties; the Michigan Municipal League; and the Michigan Townships Association

"Canton has made it a strategic goal to support a healthy ecosystem and to create an accessible and sustainable environment," said Municipal Services Department Director Jade Smith. "Receiving this designation confirms that we have sustainable practices in place and has created a benchmark that will motivate us to continue to evaluate and support future sustainable initiatives."

Questions regarding sustainability and environmental efforts in Canton Township can be directed to David Norwood, deputy director of the Canton Municipal Services Department at (734) 394-5160.

Help wanted

Liberty Festival volunteers sought

Organizers of the Canton Liberty Fest are seeking volunteers to help with the event. The festival will return June 16, 17 and 18 after a two-year hiatus due to the COVID pandemic.

The festival usually brings more than 50,000 visitors to Heritage Park and it takes a large cadre of volunteers to help ensure the smooth running of the event. Organizers said the success of the event is due to volunteers who support Canton.

"Now more than ever we need volunteer support for this year's community festival. Plenty of exciting opportunities are available including: Welcome and Information Booth Greeters, Bike Corral assistants, Adult Beer and Wine Garden helpers, and many others," organizers said.

To become a volunteer complete the adult or youth volunteer application available at www.cantonfun.org and return it to Volunteer Coordination Heather VanHartesveldt at hvanhartesveldt@canto-mi.org. Applications can be faxes to (734)394-5319 or mailed to 1150 s. Canton Center Road, Third Floor.

Training session have been scheduled for June 13 and June 14 at the Canton Administration Building.

All volunteers must attend one training session. For questions or more information, contact VanHartesveldt as listed above.

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NORTHVILLE

Arts & Acts event returns to downtown streets

Arts and Acts, presented by the Northville Art House, will take place June 17-19 this year throughout downtown Northville.

The Northville Art House, a 501(c)3 comprehensive art facility, is hosting the fundraiser which includes Art in the Sun Juried Art Fair, an outdoor gallery of more than 75 local and national artists who have been selected from a pool of more than 150 applicants to display their work.

Arts and Acts, staged along Main, Center, and Wing streets, adjacent to the downtown Northville Social District, offers visitors the chance to buy, learn, and socialize with a like-minded crowd. Families will discover an abundance of entertainment such as the interactive chalk wall, the Chalk Festival, and musical acts as well as festival food and drink at mobile trucks, food pods, and local restaurants. Aspiring poets and short story writers can also enjoy readings and music at the Short on Words event that will take place at the Northville Art House on nearby Cady Street.

Admission is free. For more information and updates, visit www.northvillearthouse.org/artsandacts/ and @ArtsAndActs Festival. Proceeds benefit the Northville Art House's mission to cultivate the arts through creative experiences and educational programs in the community.

The festival will be open from 3 p.m. until 8 p.m. June 17; from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. June 18 and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. on June 19.

The 34th Annual Art in the Sun Juried Art Fair, which will be open each day of the festival, showcases contemporary art and unique creations by 75 fine artists and crafters from around the country competing for monetary awards based on original artwork and booth presentation.

Live acts will perform throughout the day both Friday and Saturday, June 17 - 18. Solo musicians will be strolling along the festival path and from 7 - 9 p.m. acoustic groups will be performing in the festival area.

The Northville Art House Chalk Festival, set for 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, June 18 between Main and S. Center streets, features artists transforming the pavement into a checkered pattern of color and imagination, while visitors view the chalk art at their feet, and then vote online for their favorite.

Divisions include children (ages 0 - 11), teens (ages 12 - 17) and adults (ages 18 and up) with a Jury Award and a People's Choice Award given in each division.

The Author's Brunch to celebrate the 10th year - 9th edition of Short on Words poetry and short story competition, will take place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 18 at the Northville Art House. The event will feature readings, live music, light refreshments, and an awards presentation. This year more than 70 local, national, and international authors shared their original short stories and poetry inspired by one of 10 photographs taken by event organizer, Preservation Dental - The Office of Dr. William S. Demray. Awards to be given to the top three works in both the youth (ages 17 and under) and adult (18 and up) categories.

Arts and Acts 2022 partners include: Bath Planet, Midwest Gutter Gard, DTE Foundation, Flagstar Bank, Orin Jewelers, Tuscan Café, The Northville Gallery Artwork & Framing, Two Stones Events, Garage Grill & Fuel Bar, Detroit Vineyards, Alexander's Custom Clothiers, Preservation Dental-The Office of Dr. Williams S. Demray, Precision Print & Label, and Northville District Library.

Reception for retiring school superintendent planned

It will be the last day of school for both students and outgoing Superintendent of Northville Public Schools Mary Kay Gallagher June 16.

Gallagher, who has been with the school district for 37 years, announced her retirement plans last year. The district is hosting an open house retirement party for her from 4 until 4:50 p.m. June 16 in the cafeteria of Northville High School. There will be a recognition program beginning at 5 p.m. in the school auditorium and the entire afternoon event is open to the public.

The district is collecting RSPVs to help with planning, but it is not required to attend the event.

Gallagher joined the Northville Public Schools in 1985, officials said and her impact is far reaching. The event will be an opportunity for the community to share mementos and appreciation of Gallagher's long career. Appropriate mementos such as photos, letters or cards, would be welcomed by email at rorkka@northville schools.org.

Inkster - Plymouth - Wayne

Happy birthday

Street to be renamed for centenarian resident

The City of Inkster will honor one of the most distinguished and revered members of the community tomorrow with the dedication of a street in her name.

Lillie R. Lester, who recently celebrated her 100th birthday, with a crowd of family members and friends, will be honored by the renaming of Weithoff Street to Lillie R. Lester Drive. Lester has resided on the Inkster Street for decades.

Lester is a familiar name in state history as she holds the distinction of being the first female sergeant-at-arm and the first black woman sergeant at-arms in the Michigan State Capitol building. In 2018, Lester was recognized by the Michigan State House of Representatives extolling her years of dedicated service in that position of responsibility.

Birthday accolades included resolutions signed by President Joe Biden, Governor Gretchen Whitmer and Wayne County Commissioner Glenn Anderson as well as a myriad of dignitaries extending well wishes. This celebration commemorated not only her new status of centenarian, a feat few have attained, but also acknowledged her lifelong dedication to the state of Michigan and its constituents.

Inkster officials said the dedication is open to the public and that the ceremony is "with enormous pride" as the city bestows "this permanent tribute to an authentic treasure, Mrs. Lillie R. Lester."

Mrs. Lillie R. Lester receives an official resolution honoring her 100th birthday.

Plymouth commissioners OK new downtown beacons

Members of the Plymouth City Commission approved the installation of five Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons during their regular meeting earlier this month at Plymouth City Hall.

The authorization includes concrete work and installation of the pedestrian safety signals at the intersections of Ann Arbor Trail and Evergreen; Evergreen and Penniman; Ann Arbor Trail and Forest; Starkweather and Liberty, and the Main Street midblock crosswalk between Penniman and Ann Arbor Trail. Work on these intersections is expected to be completed this spring and summer, officials said.

Commissioners also approved updates to the room rental policy at the Plymouth Cultural Center. Changes to the policy include notification of video surveillance, updates to the cancellation policy, the prohibition of silly string, confetti and/or glitter, and an increase in the security deposit for events starting after 4 p.m.

The hiring of a full-time assistant facility manager at the Plymouth Cultural Center was also approved by commissioners. The former employee working in this position recently departed unexpectedly. The hiring process is expected to begin immediately.

Approval of upcoming city events, including the Plymouth Farmers Market at The Gathering Saturdays from May 14 through Oct. 22; the 6th grade farewell picnic at Fairground Park on Friday, June 3; the Good Morning USA Parade in downtown Plymouth on Monday, July 4, and Robots in the Park on Sunday, Aug. 14 were approved by commissioners.

For official agendas and minutes, visit www.plymouthmi.gov/agenda_center. The June regular City Commission meetings are set for 7 p.m. Mondays, June 6, and 20.

Outdoor concerts continue at Kellogg Park tomorrow night

Von Zippers will perform tomorrow in Kellogg Park.

The popular Music in the Air free weekly concert series will continue at 7 p.m. tomorrow, June 3, and continue through Sept. 3 at the Kellogg Park stage in downtown Plymouth, officials from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) office said.

The ever-popular Friday night outdoor music series for 2022 features a wide variety of entertainment to suit every musical taste, added DDA officials.

The concerts are sponsored by the DDA; the Bank of Ann Arbor; the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club and Hines Park Lincoln.

This year's line-up again includes various area bands and tomorrow Von Zippers (Classic Rock) will perform. The schedule continues June 10--Totally (80s); June 17--The Ones and Twos (Motown and Dance Music); June 24--Randy Brock Group (Blues Rock); July 1--Trilogy (Variety Band); July 8-no concert due to Art in the Park; July 15--Magic Bus (Woodstock Era); July 22--Power Play Detroit (Greatest Rock Hits); July 29--Lady Sunshine & the X Band (Detroit's' own - Emotion, Fire, Pride, and Soul); Aug. 5--Larry Lee and the Back in the Day Band (Funk, R&B, Motown); Aug. 12--Geff Phillips and Friends (Pop & Rock Variety 60s - today); Aug. 19 Moxie Blitz (80s - Today Pop); Aug. 26--Steve King and the Dittilies (Wayne Newton of Wayne County) and Sept. 2--Atomic Radio (Top 40, Pop Hip-Hop, Rock).

Congratulations

Wayne Police Sgt. Robert Amore was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant with the department. Amore is a 17-year veteran of the Wayne Police Department, a traffic crash reconstructionist, the Western Wayne Crash Response Team Commander, and a Taser and Speed Measurement instructor. Wayne Police Chief Ryan Strong congratulated Amore on his promotion as he made the official announcement last week.

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